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GEN. E. C. SCALES.

Adjutant General Eric Scales is the only Noxubecan holding one of the State executive offices. He is now serving his second year in his office. His administration has been one of marked efficiency and success.

Gen. Scales entered into the office under most adverse conditions. The National Guard of the State was in a demoralized condition and entire disorganization was imminent. The Adjutant General's Department of Mississippi was in bad standing with the war department of the national government, and over sixty thousand dollars' worth of property, issued by the national government to the State government, was unaccounted for and missing or misplaced. So bad was the condition of affairs that the very honor and honesty of the State was involved, as well as that of every individual member of the National Guard of Mississippi.

Out of this chaos of disorder and mismanagement Gen. Scales has brought order, efficiency and morale. Despite the fact that much of the property of the national government furnished the State has not yet been recovered, never before has the Mississippi department stood higher with the national war department than at present. The honor of the State has been cleared and the good name of the State militia restored. The Missional National Guard is in a state of efficiency and progress. Gen. Scales' administration has been of great benefit to the State and honor to his county of Noxubee.

Now that the State elective officers have for the most part been chosen, it is up to the county to exert what influence it can toward the selection of proper men for the appointive offices. His being a home man, coupled with his fine record in his office, makes it doubly incumbent on our county people to stand by Gen. Scales and use their best endeavors to keep him in the place which he has filled so worthily. So far in its history, loyalty has been a very prevalent virtue in Noxubee and doubtless is strong in the county yet.

## R. R. COMMISSIONER FOR THIS DISTRICT.

At the risk of being charged with the offense of repeating a twice-told tale, the BEACON begs to be permitted once more to call attention to the run-off in the second primary between J. R. McDowell and George R. Edwards for Railroad Commissioner for this district.

The contest is one in which the people have a decided interest; for the place to be filled is one of great importance and high responsibility, and should go only to a man of business capacity, of unquestioned honor, of unassailable personal integrity, and a person whose purpose is above price because it springs from patriotism unfaltering and unpurchasable.

In Honorable James R. McDowell the Democratic voters of the district happily have such a candidate.

He is a gentleman—a fact proclaimed by his manner, speech and conduct.

On top of that he measures well up to the requirements of the Jeffersonian test for public service; for he is honest, capable and faithful, and in every way worthy of the confidence and support of the good people and true-blue Democrats of Noxubee, who prefer character to self-sufficiency and vain glory, real performance to extravagant promise, and earnest support of

virtue in office (and modest merit with it) to shallow pretense and loud-mouthed self-praise.

No part of Jim McDowell's political faith is pinned to the coat-tail of any factional leader, and were he in office he could not sooner be bought or bribed by a corrupt executive to part with his duty to the public than Satan could be induced to die on a cross to save sinners.

## Georgia's Disgrace.

Georgia can never live down the ignominy of the deed of blood and savagery committed at Marietta Tuesday; for it was only made possible by the moral, if not criminal laxity, of her constituted authorities, from the Governor down.

But Georgia, if she is not too callous to feel the shame brought on her, can make amends for the horror, if, rising in indignation over a crime unparalleled in American annals for its heartlessness and audacity, she compels her Governor to hunt down the cowardly murderers of Leo Frank and crack their necks on the gallows.

Unless such is the sequel and the assassins go unwhipped of justice, it will be because Georgia wishes it so.

No one can doubt that if she manifests one tithe of the determination which marked New York's pursuit of the slayers of the gambler Rosenthal, every member of the gang of gunmen that had a hand in putting Frank to death, can be caught, identified, jailed and made to answer at the bar of justice.

If in a city of more than four million people, with tens of thousands of automobiles, it was possible to find the single death car used in the murder of Rosenthal and thereby render the arrest of the culprits easy, how much less difficult is the task before the Georgia authorities of identifying the eight cars used in the midnight assassination of Frank and landing their occupants behind the bars.

The whole nation stands appalled at this crime of devilish conception. But it is the South that must bear the odium which attaches to it, and Georgia owes it to the South to bring swift and terrible retribution to these Apaches who, in committing it, made a mockery of her government and left an indelible stain on her civilization.

Meanwhile is further proof wanting to make good the charge that, from the beginning, Georgia denied to Leo Frank the benefit of the law's protection? Is not this crowning act of infamy the vindication of the millions outside of Georgia who believe that justice stood aside while Leo Frank was tried and condemned by the mob without regard to his guilt or innocence?

The Governor of Georgia will be recreant to his people, a false friend to his people, a foe to the South if he does not atone for his own culpable neglect of duty in failing to protect the prisoner from harm by bringing the cold-blooded assassins of Leo Frank to answer for this unspeakable outrage on Southern society.—States.

## Paper From Cotton Stalks.

The first commercial pulp mill in the world for making paper pulp and paper from cotton stalks is now building at Greenwood, this State. The fibre of the cotton plant supplies excellent cellulose for durable paper. The particular fibre in question is a thin-walled tube that collapses in a peculiar twisted manner in the heating process, interlaces better than any other fibre process and holds its grip tenaciously. It is strong, flexible, durable and light, and has double the strength of the stock ordinarily used to make wrapping paper. Large quantities of old cotton stalks are being delivered at the site of the new mill and paid for at the rate of about \$3 a ton. The mill will consume daily 150 tons, from which it will produce 50 tons of valuable pulp. A writer in the Journal of the Royal Society of Arts says that the annual supply of cotton stalks in the Southern States is about seventy-five million tons. If only a quarter of that amount were utilized, it would mean a production of approximately six million tons of paper a year, the value of which would exceed \$300,000,000.

## LADDERS LOST.

A reward will be made for the return to Mr. DeWitt, tinner, of a pair of extension ladders, taken from the Baptist church this week.

## Circuit Court.

The August term of Circuit court opened Monday morning with an unusually large crowd present. For several terms past the work of the court has been very light, so much so that Judge Carroll remarked in his charge that Noxubee, with the largest population of any county in his district and the largest colored population, had the most orderly citizenship. No such commendatory remarks could be made at this term, as there seemed to be a full docket of both trivial and serious offenses.

The following officers were present: Thos B Carroll, judge. Jno F Frierson, district attorney pro tem.

D F Allgood, county attorney. E E Dantzler, sheriff. C M Scales, clerk. D F Ellis, stenographer.

After proclamation by the sheriff the following juries were drawn:

GRAND JURY.  
T S Gay, Foreman W E Stewart  
J L Woods Nelson Stevens  
W L Shannon T J Graham  
B A Little R T McDavid  
R P Grace J R Evans  
J L Nicholson B C Cotton, Sr.  
J S Steele T J Maxey  
R M Morris B C Moore, Jr.  
J M Moore, Jr. J M Winfield  
Geo Clearman C C Kenard

PETIT JURY NO. 1.  
T T Douglas C T Cole  
K S Skinner Josh Mauldin  
R E Barnes J B Elkin  
Jack Holman M C Carter  
H W Jarnagin  
L S Shepherd

PETIT JURY NO. 2.  
J E Adams J B McNeas  
S T Hammack Jack Hardin  
J E Bass S W Adams  
L A McCallum W E Stokes  
G W Douglass S A Lever  
C C Hilliard S O Guy

## THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

Judge Carroll, as usual, delivered a clear and forcible charge to the grand jury. Those matters coming within its province to examine and report on were mentioned and the duty of the grand jury explained. The crimes and offenses most common and various technical variations of violations of the liquor laws were specifically called to its attention.

The Judge gave quite an interesting account of the origin of the grand jury and a very lucid and enlightening essay on the duties and powers of the body, its specific functions and province.

Berry Clanton, charged with the unlawful sale of whiskey; on an appeal from a justice court was acquitted of the charge.

Mrs S D Helm vs M & O R R, dismissed by consent at cost of defendant.

J M Leggett vs J J Prince & Co; dismissed by order of court at cost of plaintiff, for which let execution issue, for the reason that plaintiff failed to give security for cost, as ruled against him and entered in minutes at last term of this court.

W A Wessell vs W A Parks et al; dismissed without prejudice against plaintiff for all costs, he failing to appear and prosecute his case.

State vs Parks Morehead; it appearing that bond is insufficient, sheriff was ordered to take a new bond in the sum of \$250 to assure his presence in court on charge of grand larceny.

Union Seed and Fertilizer Co vs C G Pagan; plaintiff on default of defendant to answer suit was awarded the sum of \$272.32 with interest at 6 per cent.

Webster-Warnock Chemical Co vs W J Lusk; plaintiff was awarded sum of \$534.20 in default of defendant to answer suit.

State vs J W Dew, charged with violating tick quarantine law, was fined \$5 and costs.

Baskerville & Co, vs town of Brooksville; demurrer overruled and case continued until next term of court.

Eli Gully, charged with assault and battery, was fined \$25.

J O Faser vs R P Tate; demurrer overruled and case continued until the next term of court.

Mrs Mary S Boswell vs D M Lutz; case continued.

Macon Mercantile Co vs M & O R R; consent judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for the sum of \$3.50, the defendant to pay all costs.

Jim Williams, charged with retailing, was found not guilty.

Ernest Johnson entered plea of guilty to assault and battery, and was fined \$50 and costs and sixty days on the county road in two cases.

Pell White was fined \$100 and ninety days in jail on the charge of assault and battery.

June Goodwin, one of the negroes charged with breaking in and robbing the stores at Shuqualak, was found guilty, the jury recommending him to the mercy of the court.

Nathaniel Hyde entered a plea of guilty to breaking in and robbing the store of Mr. C. S. Field, and was sentenced to five years in the pen.

Roger May, charged with stealing cattle from Mr. Minor Russell, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to four years in the pen.

Harry Williams, for carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$50 and 60 days in jail.

Will Jones, colored, charged with forgery, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Melvin Roberts, colored, charged with manslaughter, withdrew his plea of not guilty after the trial of the case had made some progress, and entered a plea of guilty and was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

The court adjourned in the afternoon until Wednesday morning on account of the election Tuesday.

## GRAND JURY ADJOURNS.

The grand jury, after being in session five days, examined 257 witnesses, and bringing in 36 true bills, adjourned this, Friday, afternoon. The report will be published in next week's paper.

## FROM THE CANDIDATES

### A CARD.

I wish, in this manner to extend my sincere thanks to the many people of the county for their kind and courteous treatment extended me during the recent campaign. To the 277 voters who gave me their support I am especially grateful.

Respectfully,

VERNON CLARK.

### To the Voters of Noxubee Co.

I wish to thank the people for the support they gave me in the first primary and ask that they support me in the second, that I may crown my efforts with success. If elected I will endeavor to serve you in a way that will be pleasing to you.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. WALKER.

### Card from Mr. McClure.

To the Voters of Noxubee County:

I am very grateful indeed for the generous support the people of the county gave me in the first primary, and solicit a greater vote in the second. I have been under a physician's care for the last two weeks and he still forbids me any active exertion or I would have seen more of the people to thank them personally and ask their support in the second primary. Hoping and believing that next Tuesday will see my long entertained ambition of being Noxubee's sheriff gratified, I am,

Very sincerely,

J. T. MCCLURE.

To the Democratic Voters of District 3, Noxubee County.

I desire through the columns of the Macon Beacon to express to you my appreciation of the loyal support and the splendid vote given me in the first primary on August 3rd, and as I am now entering on the last lap before the final run-off next Tuesday, I want to say that I am encouraged by the good reports of new additions to the already splendid vote, and I feel that with twenty years experience in doing contract work for the county that I am thoroughly qualified and equipped for the duties of this most responsible office, and I promise, if nominated, to do equal and exact justice to all alike, having at all times the interest of the district and county before me as my sole guide.

R. T. MCDAVID.

### To the People of Mississippi.

I appreciate, most deeply, the splendid support you gave me in my race for State Revenue Agent. I am in the run-off, and I ask you for your continued support.

I have made the race upon my own merits. I am asking you for your support on a proposition of sound economies.

Section 4739, Code 1906, reads: "It is the duty of the State Revenue Agent to investigate the books, accounts and vouchers of the State, and of every county, municipality and levee board." It is also his duty to collect public revenues in arrears. In other words, the State Revenue Agent is the traveling auditor of the State.

I think that the office, as a matter of principle, should be on a salary basis, but, regardless of that, if I am elected, I propose to help the tax assessors systematize the assessments and to do all in my power to see that the taxes are properly assessed and collected to begin with, thus cutting out the back tax nuisance. If back taxes are honestly due, I propose to collect them, but I pledge myself not to injure the State by taking advantage of technicalities or in any other manner. I propose to perform the duty of auditing counties by putting them on a uniform system of accounting, and installing the same system of carbon, or records, that the big business interests use, having the counties send these records to the Jackson office, and through this medium keep all the counties checked up at all times. Municipalities, etc., will be handled in a similar manner. From these records I will compile and publish an annual trial balance and cost sheet, showing, in analyzed form, where every cent of the tax money goes.

Wouldn't it be better to prevent graft, error, and the escape of property from taxation, rather than merely to detect it after it has happened? If private business is run on this sound principle, why cannot the people's business be as strictly attended to? It can be if we elect competent men to office.

Who would be most able to do this—a lawyer or an expert accountant? My opponent is a lawyer. I am an expert accountant. I have had nine years' experience doing exactly this kind of work.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Let's get down to business.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS J. MOORE, Expert Accountant and Auditor, Durant County, candidate for State Revenue Agent.

### To the Voters of the First District of Mississippi.

My attention has been called to some claims which are being made by the Hon. Geo. R. Edwards, McCool, Miss., candidate for Railroad Commissioner from this district. Mr. Edwards claims to be a great friend of the tolling masses and to have their interest at heart always and to be ever alert in advocacy of their cause. I wish to state that I am sales agent and manager of the Newton Truck Growers Association of Newton, Miss., and we handle large quantities of truck, to be disposed of in the Northern markets. Good freight rates and reasonable icing charges are essential to our success. We are making desperate efforts to get

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freight rates and icing charges put in which would be fair and equitable to the growers. In our efforts in this cause we found that the Hon. Geo. R. Edwards appeared to think of the tolling masses only when he needed votes. We need a Commissioner who will really be alert to our interest, and I hope in making the choice of a candidate, Mr. Edwards' record along this line will be borne in mind.

We wish to recite a few facts. Before the examiner representing the Interstate Commerce Commission at Jackson, Miss., on the 13th of July, 1915, was heard a complaint of the Newton Truck Growers Association against railroad and refrigerator companies. This complaint was brought in the name of the Mississippi Railroad Commission. I personally discussed the matter with Mr. Edwards, and he promised every assistance and advice and moral support. The day was set for hearing and witnesses came from distant points and from Chicago and New Orleans particularly. We had gone to a great deal of expense and trouble to a great accurate data, so that we might pursue our complaint, to the end of securing reasonable freight rates and icing charges. [Much to my surprise the Hon. Geo. R. Edwards never did show up at the examination, although I knew it to be fact that he was in Jackson that day. He gave us no advice nor moral support, much to our embarrassment and chagrin, and we were left without the aid and assistance of our own official, who was elected and pledged to give us support when we needed it. This is a very important office and one that can be made of great assistance to us, and when looking around for a man, please bear the fact in mind that we have had Mr. Edwards, have tried him and found him wanting. Respectfully,

N. DOOLITTLE, Sales Manager, Newton Truck Growers Association.

If I am elected Treasurer of Noxubee county, it is my purpose to place the funds of the county on deposit in the banks of Noxubee county in a way that will be fair and just, and to show no partiality to any one of them.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. COTTON.

## Fifth Sunday Meeting

Program for fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Little Bethel Baptist church the fifth Sunday in August, 1915.

First meeting of the executive board, will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. the Saturday previous.

11 o'clock a. m.—Preaching by J. L. Williams.

First Query—"Is it the Duty of All Church Members to Bear Their Part of All Church Expenses, Rev. Joe Slaughter, W. J. Watkins.

Second Query. Has a christian the right to take any drink that will intoxicate or that will in any way injure their christian influence, A. G. Hollace and T. H. Hurst.

Third Query. The eternal punishment of the Mickrel, R. M. Woodruff and R. W. Knight.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10 a. m. The best method of Sunday school work, by the brethren.

11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. T. R. Taden.

Death of Rev. Jas. S. Gavin.

James S. Gavin, a well-known colored preacher, died very suddenly near Togo last Monday. He had been engaged all last week at "Jim Creek" church, carrying on a meeting, and a twelve o'clock Sunday he was stricken with acute congestion and died early Monday morning. He was well liked by the white people and was an honor to his race.

Dr. WYATT, Prairie Point, Miss.

## Peanut Growers Organize.

The peanut growers of this county to the number of about thirty met here and organized a peanut growers association Monday. Major E. B. Boyd was made president, and R. E. V. Yates secretary and treasurer. A. T. Dent, K. T. McLeod and J. R. Sparkman were appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

Another meeting will be held August 28th and the organization perfected. The association expects to aid materially in the harvesting and marketing of the crop and to encourage greatly the growing of peanuts here.

The meeting represented about 1,500 acres in peanuts which is about one-fifth of the acreage in the county. Several farmers have as much as 300 acres each. The 1914 peanut crop of Noxubee amounted to a great many thousand bushels. The harvest averages from 25 to 30 bushels per acre and from seventy cents to a dollar per bushel was realized. To the extent indicated by the figures above the humble goober is displacing King Cotton in Noxubee, while corn, silage and hay have still more reduced the cotton acreage.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT.

Democratic Primary Election August 24th, 1915.

For Land Commissioner,

Vote for One

HENRY C. WOOD

M. A. BROWN

For Revenue Agent,

Vote for One

STOKES V. ROBERTSON

CHAS. J. MOORE

For Railroad Commissioner,

Vote for One

JAS. R. McDOWELL

GEO. R. EDWARDS

For County Superintendent Education,

Vote for One

J. R. SPARKMAN

JAS. G. CHANDLER

For Sheriff,

Vote for One

J. T. MCCLURE

W. A. PARKS

For Treasurer,

Vote for One

JNO. B. COTTON

W. A. WALKER

For Assessor,

Vote for One

R. C. PATTY

S. M. TOMLINSON

For Supervisor, First District,

Vote for One

ROL. BREWER, JR.

NELSON STEVENS

For Supervisor, Second District,

Vote for One

THOS. E. WILKERSON

THOS. MCENRY

For Supervisor, Third District,

Vote for One

GEO. G. PAGAN

R. T. MCDAVID

For Supervisor, Fourth District,

Vote for One

J. E. SENNETT

W. L. THOMAS

For Supervisor, Fifth District,

Vote for One

WIRT WHITE

L. HINDS

For Constable, Fourth District

Vote for One

JNO. HIGGINBOTHAM

J. A. REED, JR.

W. J. COMBS